

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

vs.

AARON BRIAN SANDS

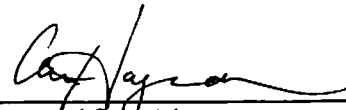
CASE NUMBER:

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I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about December 3, 2009, in Hillsborough County, in the Middle District of Florida, defendant did knowingly possess child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). I further state that I am a Special Agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☐ Yes ☐ No



Signature of Complainant  
Alexander Hagedorn

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

December 3, 2009

at

Tampa, Florida

THOMAS G. WILSON  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Name & Title of Judicial Officer



Signature of Judicial Officer

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Alexander Hagedorn, being duly sworn, depose and state the following:

1. Your affiant is a Special Agent ("S/A") with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and has been so for over seven (7) years. Your affiant is currently assigned to the ICE office in Tampa, Florida and has investigated matters involving the online exploitation of children, particularly in relation to violations Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B), which make it a federal crime for any person to knowingly possess, by any means, including by computer, a visual depiction that involves the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Your affiant has made arrests and conducted searches pertaining to these types of investigations. Your affiant has attended specialized courses involving computers and child exploitation and has received training for online undercover investigations involving child exploitation.

2. As a Special Agent, your affiant is authorized to investigate violations of the laws of the United States and execute arrest and search warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

3. The statements contained in this affidavit are based in part on information obtained from a federal search warrant, ICE computer forensic agents, and statements made by the subject of the instant investigation, Aaron Brian SANDS. This affidavit does not set forth every fact resulting from the investigation; rather, it sets forth facts sufficient to establish probable cause for the arrest of Aaron Brian SANDS, with date of birth 01/17/1968.

### **PROBABLE CAUSE**

4. On December 2, 2009, in the Middle District of Florida, the Honorable Thomas G. Wilson authorized a federal search warrant for the premises located at 1444 Highland Ridge Circle in Brandon, Florida. On December 3, 2009, ICE special agents executed the search warrant at the residence located at 1444 Highland Ridge Circle in Brandon, Florida. Prior to entering the residence, ICE agents encountered Aaron Brian SANDS in the parking lot in front of the residence. Your affiant detained SANDS as ICE agents secured the residence for the search. After the residence was secured, SANDS consented to questioning and signed a Miranda waiver. SANDS stated that he and his spouse are the residents at 1444 Highland Ridge Circle in Brandon, Florida. There are no other occupants. SANDS admitted to possessing child pornography on his laptop computer in the residence. SANDS stated that he was the only user of the laptop computer and provided the password to access it as "sandman7". SANDS added that his spouse was unaware of the child pornography he possessed on the laptop computer. Additionally, SANDS stated, "I don't know what the fuck my problem is. I don't know what is wrong with me." SANDS later offered to direct ICE computer forensic agents to the location of his child pornography on his laptop computer.

5. On December 2, 2009, while conducting the search warrant at SANDS' residence, 1444 Highland Ridge Circle in Brandon, Florida, ICE special agents located a laptop computer in the residence. While on scene, ICE Computer Forensic Agent (CFA) Kevin Power conducted a forensic preview search for child pornography images on the laptop computer. CFA Power discovered numerous child pornography images saved within the following path of folders: "Aaron\2\C\Users\Aaron\Documents\Cthulhu\

Stuff\Saved". Your affiant reviewed approximately thirty-six (36) of these child pornography images, many of which depict prepubescent children engaged in various sex acts with adult males. Three of these child pornography images are described as follows.

- a. "9yo Jenny nude tied up waiting for dog to fuck her – underage Lolita r@ygold pthc ptsc ddogprn pedo young child sex preteen hussyfan kiddie kiddy porn. JPG" – This image appears to depict a prepubescent, nude female strapped and tied to a bench and bent over with her bare buttocks exposed. A large dog is standing behind her.
- b. "!01.jpg" – This image appears to depict a prepubescent female approximately two (2) years of age. The child is nude below the waist. Her legs are spread and her vagina is exposed. An adult male's erect penis is placed immediately before the child's vagina.
- c. "cp\_812" – This image appears to depict the torso of a nude prepubescent female of approximately four (4) years old. The child is bound by heavy twine rope at the waist. Her legs are spread and her vagina is exposed. An adult male's index finger penetrates her vagina.
- d. "8dicked" – This image appears to depict a nude prepubescent female lying on her back. Her legs are spread and her vagina is exposed. An adult male's penis penetrates her vagina.

### CONCLUSION

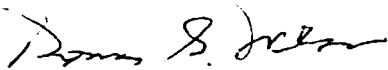
Based on the foregoing facts, your affiant believes that there is probable cause to believe that Aaron Brian SANDS possessed child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(b). In consideration of the foregoing, your affiant requests that this Court issue an arrest warrant for Aaron Brian SANDS.

This completes the affidavit:



Alexander G. Hagedorn, Special Agent  
Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2009.



HONORABLE THOMAS G. WILSON  
United States Magistrate Judge